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## *Message from President Huntley*

Washington and Lee University holds with Aristotle that "Man is by nature a civic animal." This is true of man wherever he dwells. But in the United States -- undergirded as it is by democratic principles -- it is true in abundant measure. Politics -- in the sense that it is the means whereby a free society makes choices for orderly change -- is the essential business of every American.

It is in this context of the role politics plays in American life that the University every four years endorses and encourages the staging of the Mock Convention. The Convention from the beginning has been an all-student event. It is always a memorable period in the life of the University and of the Lexington community -- a time of fun and showmanship. But, more important, it is a practical and beneficial exercise in the democratic process.

I am confident that this year's Convention like those before it will contribute to the political awareness of those who participate and nurture our civic nature. I therefore heartily congratulate the students of Washington and Lee on their planning and execution of the 1968 Mock Convention. And I extend a cordial welcome to all who participate as visitors, observers, and reporters.

  
Robert E. R. Huntley





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Washington and Lee's Mock Convention this year celebrates its 60th anniversary. We have come a long way from our first, crude efforts in 1908. In the intervening sixty years, our Mock Convention has grown more accurate, more authentic, and more widely known with the passing of each leap year.

This new prestige does not obscure our perception of the mission of the Mock Convention, and the obligations it entails: to provide a realistic, meaningful experience in Presidential convention politics by attempting to correctly predict the actual nominee of the party-out-of-power.

For the first time in the history of the Mock Convention, preparations were begun earlier than the year preceding the event. Planning and research for the 14th Mock Convention started in September 1964, and I am grateful for the privilege of having been associated with it since that date. Four years of effort are invested in this convention.

Acknowledging assistance on an enterprise as big as the Mock Convention would be an endless task. Let me simply extend the deepest thanks to the students, faculty, alumni, and friends of Washington and Lee who contributed so generously of their time, brains, money, and brawn.

The Secretariat of the Convention deserves special mention for the work they did. If this convention is the success that its predecessors have been, the credit is due them.

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—Advt.

# Washington and Lee University: 1749 - 1968

The beginning of Washington and Lee University predates both George Washington and Robert E. Lee. During the early part of the eighteenth century a stream of Scotch-Irish began to spread over the mountainous parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. They were a people of great devotion to religion and education, and those who migrated deep into the valley of the Shenandoah in Virginia established in Augusta County in 1749 a school called Augusta Academy, located some twenty miles northeast of what is now the town of Lexington.

In 1776 the institution's name underwent its first change, when the trustees, fired by the contagious enthusiasm for freedom from foreign tyranny, renamed the academy Liberty Hall. In 1780, the school was moved to the immediate vicinity of Lexington, and was incorporated by the Virginia legislature in October, 1782 as Liberty Hall Academy. The small school lacked substantial resources, and its sustained operation was a struggle. Aware that George Washington had promised to bestow upon some worthy cause his holdings of James River Canal Company stock given him by the Virginia legislature as an expression of its gratitude for his work during the American Revolution, the trustees of Liberty Hall Academy approached Washington and persuaded him to endow the small school. The grateful trustees' letter of acknowledgement was preceded by an act of the legislature in January, 1798, changing the name of the school to Washington Academy.

Washington's gift, at that time the largest ever bestowed upon a private educational institution in America, was of vital significance to Washington Academy, and it has remained a part of its permanent endowment. The income from Washington's endowment has exceeded \$400,000.

By 1813, when the academy was renamed Washington College, the institution was established on its present grounds.

When civil war came to the nation, Washington College had become an important influence in Virginia higher education. As the fighting spread, the college discontinued its work and most of its students enlisted in the Confederate Army. Many left Lexington as a unit, known as the Liberty Hall Volunteers. The college itself suffered war damage when Federal troops occupied Lexington in June, 1864. Peace came the next year, and the difficult task of rehabilitation was faced.

The decision to offer the presidency to General Robert E. Lee was reached on August 4, 1865, and Judge John W. Brockenbrough, rector of the college, called on Lee in Richmond the following day. After careful thought, Lee wrote to the trustees of Wash-

ington College, expressing concern that "*Being excluded from the terms of amnesty in the proclamation of the President of the U. S. . . . and an object of censure to a portion of the country, I have thought it probable that my occupation of the position of President might draw upon the College a feeling of hostility . . . Should you, however, take a different view, and think that my services in the position tendered me by the Board will be advantageous to the College and country, I will yield to your judgment and accept.*"

General Lee was formally installed as President of Washington College on October 2, 1865, and he retained this position until his death on October 12, 1870. During the five years of his administration, the college grew both in numbers of students and faculty and in influence.

Following Lee's death, his son, General G. W. Custis Lee of the faculty at neighboring Virginia Military Institute, became president in 1871, and that same year, the corporate title of the institution was changed a final time, to the present Washington and Lee University.

In 1912, Dr. Henry Louis Smith, then president of Davidson College became President of Washington and Lee. Under President Smith, the student body grew to 900, and the faculty more than doubled.

In 1930, Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, the youthful president of Wake Forest College, succeeded Dr. Smith to a presidency that spanned twenty-nine years, World War II, and the post-war enrollment pressures. The greatest crisis of modern times came during World War II when the student body was decimated by military manpower requirements. The University was involved in war service from 1942-1945, partly through the establishment of an Army Specialized Training Program, but more importantly, through the leasing of campus facilities to the Army School of Personnel Services.

In 1949, Washington and Lee observed its 200th year with a bicentennial celebration that included a successful campaign to increase the University's endowment and a series of outstanding academic events throughout the anniversary year.

Dr. Gaines was succeeded in 1959 by Dr. Fred C. Cole, former Vice President of Tulane University and an educator of national reputation. Dr. Cole is presently serving as president of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., of Washington, D.C.

On February 5, 1968, Robert E. R. Huntley, dean of the school of Law of Washington and Lee was inaugurated as the University's twentieth president. President Huntley is the first alumnus of Washington and Lee (class of 1950) to become permanent president of the University since pre-Civil War days.

# Sixty Years of Mock Convention

Williams Jennings Bryan visited the Washington and Lee campus in the spring of 1908. And as a result of the enthusiasm that he aroused for national politics, the students of W&L decided to participate in a replica of the Democratic convention that was to be held later that year. With the decision made, the student body leaders drew up plans. With only a minimum of planning the arrangements were made. This procedure certainly differs from today, when work for the convention is begun as much as three years before its proposed date.

The contest in '08 was between Bryan and Governor John A. Johnson. "The young gentlemen entered into the meeting with the zest of seasoned politicians plus the enthusiasm of collegians (Lexington Gazette)." The balloting ended after one role call; the Johnson forces bolted as the result of a ruling by the chair against their man. With the vote from that first ballot still uncounted, the Johnson forces met in an adjoining room and declared their nomination of Johnson as the Democratic candidate for president. The regular session answered with the uncontested nomination of Bryan.

The succeeding conventions were less violent, but none was met with less than full interest of the student body. While the conventions in the years following were not as full of physical activity, the drama was created by the fact that the replicas closely approximated the real meeting of the party out of power.

In 1912, the sponsorship for the convention came from the campus civics group. Each of the candidates had active clubs of students working on campus. The tradition had begun. Governor Judson Harmon became the compromise candidate after Woodrow Wilson narrowly missed defeating Champ Clark of Kentucky on the fourth ballot. To date, Harmon's nomination is the only wrong guess Washington and Lee men have made for the Democrats. The authentic convention declared Wilson the nominee later that year.

In 1916 the policy began of holding the convention for the party out of power as the incumbent was usually offered again as the candidate for the presidency. In this year, Charles Evans Hughes was the Washington and Lee choice for the nomination as well as the choice of the Republican party.

1920 found interest at a low ebb, most likely due to the aftermath of the war. As a result the convention was not held. The resumption of the practice in 1924 resulted in a record number of roll calls, 24, before John W. Davis of West Virginia was given the call. Davis picked up the lead from Smith and McAdoo on the fourth ballot and continued to add to that lead until he had the necessary votes on the 24th and final ballot.

It was later the same month that the real Democratic convention went 103 ballots before they decided that the college men from Lexington were right in the first place. The convention at W&L began to draw more attention from the political party leaders.

In 1928, the struggle looked to be one of section as the North and the South were seen to be split, a preconvention poll seemed to indicate. Woodrow Wilson, Mr. Democrat of the day, was quoted often as the keynote speech brought the beginning of another mock convention at Washington and Lee. In the speech, the convention was given the title of "Laboratory of the Democratic Party"; the politicians respected accuracy, and the convention in Lexington was accurate. Al Smith of New York was chosen on the 17th ballot.

1932 saw the mock convention and the real Democratic Party nominate a Democrat who was to put the convention out of business as far as the Democrats were concerned for the next twelve years. The Smith and Roosevelt clash marked the convention in which the candidates themselves took an active part by supplying information and support for what the students were doing. The parade down Main street in Lexington became a highlight of the convention days. It was Roosevelt himself who said that the idea of "learning by doing" was a truly worthy one. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was chosen by the convention for the office to which he was later elected for a record four terms.

In 1936 and 1940, the students had to content themselves with two incorrect choices, Arthur Vandenburg, and Charles L. McNary. The Republicans nominated Landon and Willkie. But neither the mock politicians or their real counterparts were able to pick a candidate who would defeat Roosevelt.

There was no convention held in 1940; interest was elsewhere. But in 1948, the tradition was again active; a Republican nominee was needed to vie against Harry Truman for the presidency. The convention again went with Vandenburg, only to have the Republican politicians go with Thomas Dewey. What happened in this mock convention clearly shows the concern that the state delegations in Lexington have for the correct choice of action on their parts. The nomination went to Vandenburg because the delegations for Dewey and Taft were instructed to prevent a compromise choice. If a deadlock occurred between the two of them, the stronger was to gain the support. But even with these instructions, the swing for a compromise candidate started too early and developed too quickly. The state delegations for Dewey and Taft could not react fast enough.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, World War II hero, entered national politics with his nomination for president in 1952. W&L correctly predicted this occurrence. The Governor of California, Earl Warren turned the tide for the General when he telegraphed the delegates pledged to him to support Ike. This gave Eisenhower the votes he needed to defeat Robert A. Taft, who had led since the first ballot. After the swing by California, a call was made for the ballot to begin again so that Eisenhower could be unanimously acclaimed the choice of the convention.

When 1956 rolled around, the stage was set for the first Democratic Mock Convention in 24 years. No one foresaw the tragedy that was to make this convention the most dramatic of all. Doremus Gymnasium, the scene of the convention was packed; the weather was more summer than spring, as temperatures reached 90 degrees. Senator Alben W. Barkley was the keynote speaker. The former vice-president was enthusiastic by the entire event in Lexington. The parade was a spectacle indeed that year. Barkley recounted his career in politics for the students; he told them he hadn't planned to attend the convention in Chicago that year but the interest and spirit that he found at W&L made the "Old firehorse" change his plans. Then, expressing his decision to have no further active part in politics, the Senator proclaimed: "I would rather be a servant in the House of the Lord than sit in the seats of the mighty." The biblical quotation was his last; Senator Barkley collapsed of a heart attack. The university president declared that the convention would be recessed until a decision could be made as to whether or not it should continue. The decision was made by Mrs. Barkley as she said, "You have unfinished business." When the convention reconvened a week later, the delegates were able to recapture the spirit of the convention prior to the tragic death, Adlai E. Stevenson was selected as the nominee. He had trailed Stuart Symington on the fourth ballot, but on the fifth he pulled ahead and had the necessary votes for the nomination. The eyes of the nation were certainly on the Washington and Lee campus in 1956.

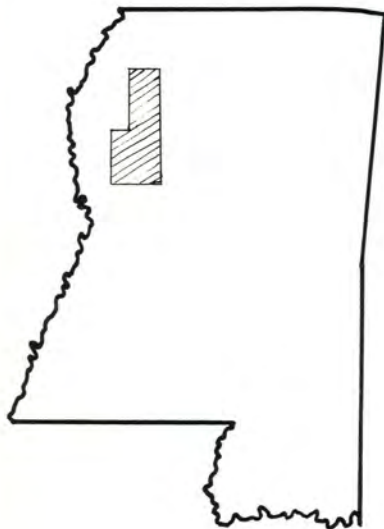
It was in 1960 that former president Harry Truman attended the sessions of the mock convention as the keynote speaker. In his typical manner, the midwesterner blasted the Republican Party and the Eisenhower Administration for its failure in foreign affairs as well as its lack of accomplishment on the domestic scene. He then pointed out just how far the convention at Washington and Lee had come since 1908 as he said, "You will nominate a man we can elect." And we did. John Kennedy, the Senator from Massachusetts was nominated on the sixth ballot. The New York and Pennsylvania delegations provided the margin for victory over Lyndon Johnson as they switched their delegate votes to Kennedy. This started the wave of votes for the young senator that ended with a resounding 1000½ vote total.

The 1964 Mock Convention returned to the Republican side of the fray, as the Senator from Arizona, Barry Goldwater was nominated on the second ballot. Goldwater polled 718 votes to win over his closest opponent Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York by 500 votes. The Senators acceptance was made by phone and broadcast to the delegates in Doremus Gymnasium. The real convention, held in San Francisco during the summer saw Goldwater win even more handily on the first ballot. Another correct choice for the Washington and Lee Mock Convention.

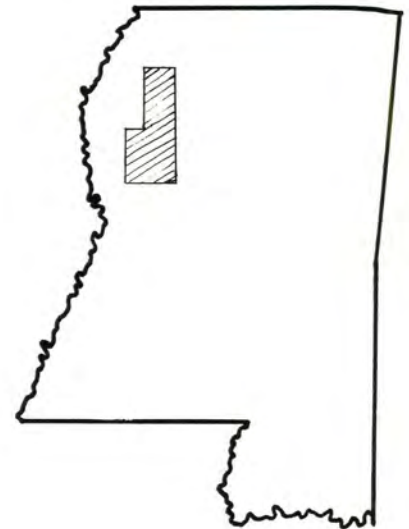
Since 1908, there have been 13 conventions held by the students of this university. Nine correct choices gives cause for pride, but with it comes the attention of the nations politicians. The convention at Washington and Lee is the oldest most respected collegiate exercise in politics; it is not a popularity contest but a serious attempt to mirror the real convention of the national political party out of power. The students at W&L have a responsibility that comes with tradition. It will be met again with competence in 1968.

—Jack David Horowitz

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**Friday, May 3, 1968**

Convention parade begins at 1:30 p.m.

## OPENING SESSION:

Convention called to order, 4:00 p.m. ----- HONORABLE STAFFORD KEEGIN,  
*Chairman of the Republican National Committee*

Pledge of Allegiance

Singing of the National Anthem

Invocation

Greetings to the Convention ----- HONORABLE DOUGLAS E. BRADY  
*Mayor of the City of Lexington*

Call for Convention ----- HONORABLE JAMES H. LOWE,  
*Secretary of the Mock Convention*

Temporary Roll of Convention

Election of Temporary Chairman

Authorization of Committees on Credentials, Rules and Order of Business, and Resolutions

Introduction of Temporary Chairman

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

Keynote Address ----- HONORABLE CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.  
*Governor of the State of Florida*

Report of the Committee on Permanent Organization

Election of Permanent Officers

Benediction

Recess until 7:15 p.m.

## PLATFORM SESSION:

Convention called to order, 7:15 p.m. ----- HONORABLE STEVEN R. SAUNDERS  
*Permanent Chairman of the Convention*

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business

Report of the Committee on Credentials

Report of the Committee on Resolutions ..... HONORABLE ANDREW COLCLOUGH,  
*Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions*

Introduction of Governor Bellmon ..... HONORABLE MICHAEL M. D'AURIA,  
*Chairman of the Oyster Bay Town  
Republican Committee (N. Y.)*

Address ..... HONORABLE HENRY BELLMON  
*Former Governor of the State of Oklahoma and  
Candidate for the United States Senate*

Roll Call of States for Nominations for President of the United States

Nominations for President of the United States

Benediction

Adjournment until 10 a.m., Saturday, May 4, 1968

**Saturday, May 4, 1968**

**BALLOTING SESSION I:**

Convention called to order, 10 a.m. .... *The Permanent Chairman*

Pledge of Allegiance

Singing of the National Anthem

Roll Call of States for Selection of a Nominee for President of the United States

Appointment of a Committee to Notify Candidate for President

Benediction

Recess until 2:15 p.m.

**BALLOTING SESSION II:**

Convention called to order, 2:15 p.m. .... *The Permanent Chairman*

Invocation

Roll Call of States for Nominations for Vice-President of the United States

Nominations for Vice-President of the United States

Roll Call of States for Selection of a Nominee for Vice President of the United States

Appointment of a Committee to Notify Candidate for Vice President

Acceptance Speech ..... *Nominee for President*

Benediction

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Colorado	Richard Morton Caplan	18
Connecticut	Robert Stephen Keefe	16
Delaware	David Randall Dougherty	12
District of Columbia	Gordon Bertram Gay	9
Florida	David Tobin Johnson, Jr.	34
Georgia	Paul Hammond Dunbar III	30
Hawaii	William Bell McClung	14
Idaho	David Lee Dowler	14
Illinois	Jeffrey Mize Wainwright	58
Indiana	James Wilson Bartlett III	26
Iowa	James Hallett Maloney, Jr.	24
Kansas	Stuart Louis Porter	20
Kentucky	William Henry Graddy IV Howard Lawrence Mocerf	24
Louisiana	Richard Kearney Christovitch Jerald Lee Perlman	26
Maine	Michael Walter Pustay	14
Maryland	James Jared Dawson	26
Massachusetts	John Steven Mason	34
Michigan	Joel Steven Kline	48
Minnesota	Benjamin Bernard Cummings, Jr.	26
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Missouri	George Aubrey Morgan, Jr.	24
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Nebraska	Robert Hunter Manson	16
Nevada	Michael John Hirsh	12
New Hampshire	Thomas Michael Edwards	8
New Jersey	Alan Lowe Stedman	40
New Mexico	Dan Madison Leonard	14
New York	Harold Edward Clark, Jr.	92
North Carolina	Herbert Wilson Crenshaw, Jr.	26
North Dakota	Robert Lee Entzminger	8
Ohio	Stephen Alan Sharp	58
Oklahoma	James Alton Truss	22
Oregon	James Clare Hamill, Jr.	18
Pennsylvania	William Brewster Cockrell	64
Puerto Rico	William Robert Wilkerson II	5
Rhode Island	Craig Herndon Barley	14
South Carolina	Addison Graves Wilson	22
South Dakota	William Joseph Brown	14
Tennessee	Alexander Susong Jones	28
Texas	Marion Lee Halford, Jr.	56
Utah	Neil Stanton Kessler	8
Vermont	John Edward Kelly III	12
Virginia	Joseph Aubrey Matthews, Jr.	24
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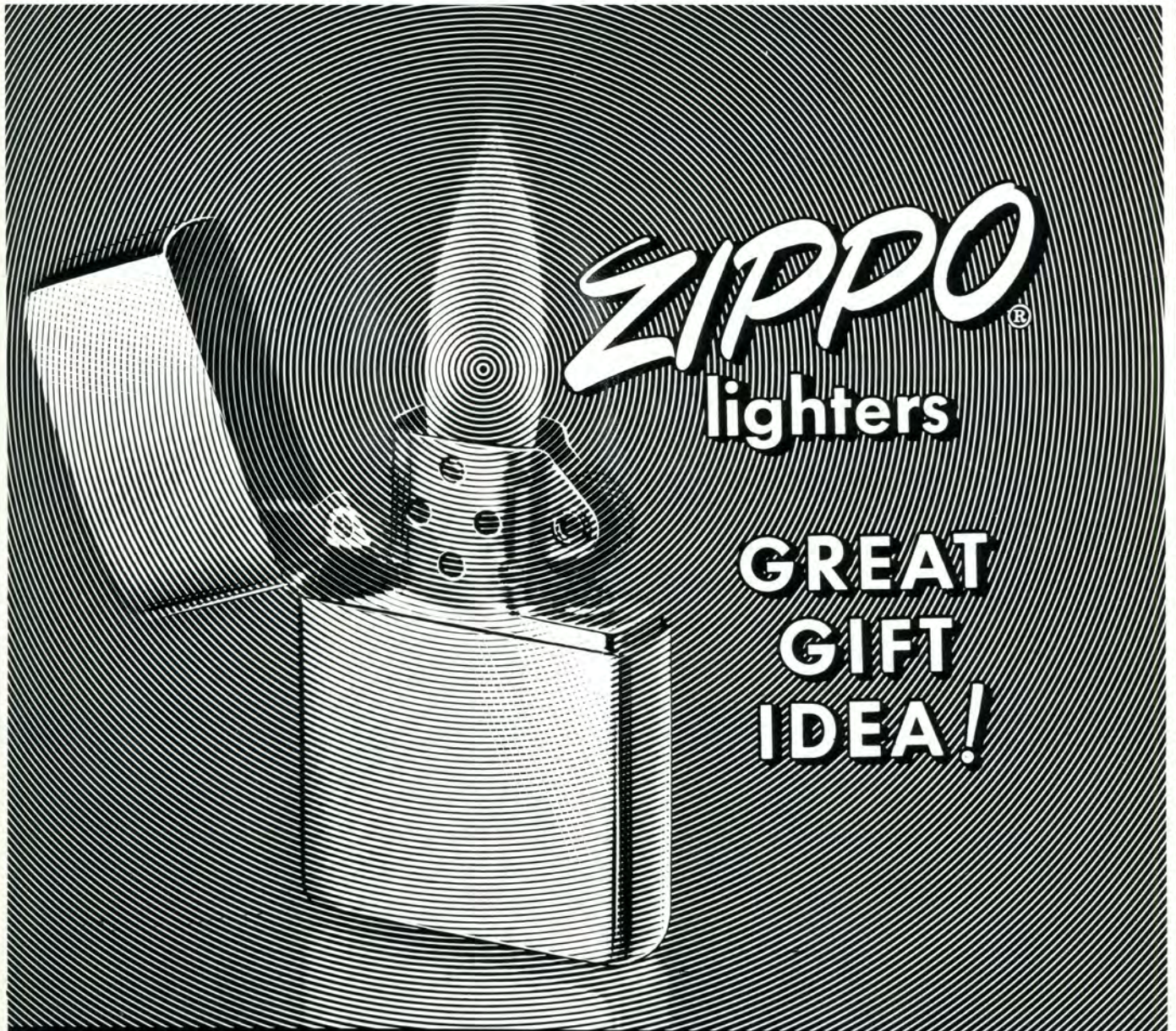
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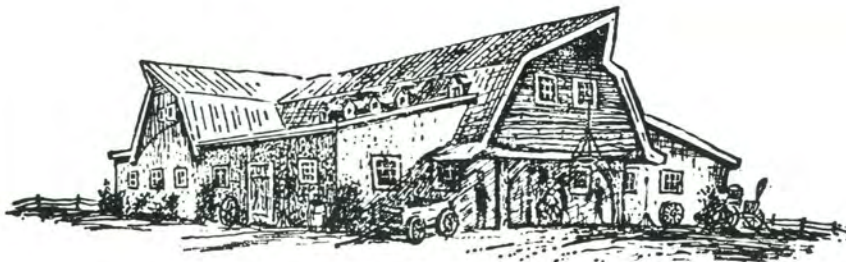
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## CLAUDE R. KIRK

The keynote speaker at the 1968 Republican Mock Convention is the Governor of Florida, Claude R. Kirk, Jr. Governor Kirk is the first Republican to hold the top office in his state, having been elected in 1966 by a plurality of 156,000 votes.

Governor Kirk, a native of California, grew up in Alabama, and was graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law. He served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps through World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Before entering politics, the Governor was a successful businessman in Jacksonville, Florida, founding the American Heritage Life Insurance Company. He entered politics in 1960 as Florida chairman of the Democrats for Nixon campaign (Nixon carried the state). In 1964 he ran unsuccessfully for the U. S. Senate. Governor Kirk ran in 1966 on a campaign pledge of no new taxes, an intensive war on crime and corruption in government, a review and updating of Florida's Constitution, and tighter controls of land sales.



## HENRY BELLMON

Presenting the platform at the Convention will be Oklahoma's former Republican Governor Henry Bellmon. Like Governor Claude Kirk, Governor Bellmon was the first G.O.P. governor of his state.

Governor Bellmon served in Oklahoma's top post from 1963 to 1967, then returned to his 2,100-acre wheat and cattle farm near Billings, since Oklahoma's Constitution limited him to one four-year term. He is a candidate for the United States Senate this year.

Long active in Oklahoma Republican politics, Bellmon served one term in the state's House of Representatives in 1946-1948, and directed the Nixon-for-President campaign there in 1960.

Governor Bellmon will address the Convention Friday evening, and will be introduced by the Honorable Michael M. D'Auria, Chairman of the Oyster Bay (N. Y.) Town Republican Committee.

## WILLIAM E. BROCK

Serving the Convention as Parade Grand Marshal will be Tennessee Congressman and Washington and Lee graduate William E. Brock III.

Representative Brock was elected to Congress in 1962, the first Republican to represent Tennessee's 3rd District in 42 years.

A businessman (he is a vice president and director of the Brock Candy Company) and civic leader, he was chosen two years ago as Chattanooga's "Young Man of the Year."

As a student at Washington and Lee in 1952, Representative Brock served as a member of the Tennessee delegation to the Mock Convention which nominated Dwight Eisenhower for the presidency.

Congressman Brock will ride in the place of honor at the head of the convention parade on Friday afternoon.



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